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## In the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently amended) A moveable bumper arrangement, comprising:
  - a) an elongated center bumper member;
- b) an <u>a first</u> end bumper member <u>and a second end bumper member mounted at</u> opposite ends of the <u>center bumper member</u>; and
- c) a mechanism coupled to the at least one of said first end bumper member and said second end bumper member that allows substantially translational movement of the at least one end bumper member with respect to the elongated center bumper member from a first position where the at least one end bumper member is positioned at an end of the elongated center bumper member to a second position where the at least one end bumper member is spaced apart from the elongated center bumper member, and allows rotation of the at least one end bumper member relative to the center bumper member.
- 2. (Currently amended) The bumper arrangement of claim 1 wherein the mechanism allows the <u>at least one</u> end bumper member to be rotated with respect to the elongated <u>center</u> bumper member when the <u>at least one</u> end bumper member is spaced apart from the elongated <u>center</u> bumper member.
- 3. (Currently amended) The bumper arrangement of claim 1 wherein the elongated <u>center</u> bumper member and the <u>at least one</u> end bumper member are connected by a detachable connection in the first position and movement to the second position detaches the detachable connection.
- 4. (Currently amended) The bumper arrangement of claim 3 wherein the mechanism allows the <u>at least one</u> end bumper member to rotate with respect to the elongated <u>center</u> bumper member when the <u>at least one</u> end bumper member is detached from the elongated <u>center</u> bumper member.

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- 5. (Currently amended) The bumper arrangement of claim 3 wherein the detachable connection comprises a latching projection extending from the <u>at least one</u> end bumper member and a latching recess of the elongated <u>center</u> bumper member that accepts the latching projection, wherein the <u>at least one</u> end bumper member is latched to the elongated <u>center</u> bumper member when the latching projection is latched to the latching recess.
- 6. (Currently amended) The bumper arrangement of claim [[3]] 1, wherein the <u>first</u> end bumper member <u>and second end bumper member are</u> is <u>simultaneously</u> rotatable and linearly movable with respect to the elongated <u>center</u> bumper member <del>when the end bumper member is detached from the elongated bumper member</del>.
- 7. (Currently amended) A vehicle including a moveable bumper arrangement, comprising:
  - a) a vehicle frame;
- <u>b) a center bumper element component</u> mounted to the vehicle <u>frame</u> at a front end of the vehicle;
- b) a mechanism attached to the vehicle <del>component</del> <u>frame at the front end of the</u> vehicle; and
- c) a bumper member connected to the vehicle component frame at an end of the center bumper element by the mechanism, the bumper member comprising a front portion extending laterally from the center bumper element and a side portion extending along a side of the vehicle, wherein the mechanism allows substantially translational movement of the bumper member with respect to the vehicle component center bumper element along a portion of a path of travel allowed by the mechanism to separate the bumper member from the center bumper element and allows rotation of the bumper member relative to the center bumper element.

8 and 9. Cancelled.

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10. (Currently amended) The vehicle of claim [[9]] 7 wherein the mechanism allows rotational movement of the end bumper member with respect to the vehicle component after the end bumper member is separated from the elongated center bumper member element.

11. (Original) The vehicle of claim 7 further comprising a hood that is separately movable from the bumper member.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Currently amended) The vehicle of claim [[12]] 7 wherein an axis of rotation of the bumper member is substantially parallel to an axis of a vehicle wheel.

14. (Currently amended) The vehicle of claim [[9]] 7, wherein the mechanism allows both relative translational and rotational movement of the end bumper member component when the end bumper member is separated from the center bumper member element.

- 15. (Original) The vehicle of claim 7 further comprising a clamp arrangement for clamping the bumper member in a normal position.
- 16. (Currently amended) The vehicle of claim 7 wherein the bumper member is an end bumper member and the bumper arrangement further comprises a detachable connection between the end bumper member and a the center bumper member element.
- 17. (Currently amended) The vehicle of claim 16 wherein the detachable connection comprises a latching projection extending from the end bumper member and a latching recess of the center bumper member element that accepts the latching projection, wherein the end bumper member is latched to said center bumper member element when the latching projection is latched to the latching recess.

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18. Cancelled.

19. (Currently amended) The vehicle of claim [[18]] 16 wherein the mechanism allows

the end bumper member to be rotated after the end bumper member is detached from

the center bumper member element.

20. (Original) The vehicle of claim 7 further comprising a handle coupled to the

mechanism, wherein movement of the handle allows movement of the bumper member

along the path of travel.

21. (Original) The vehicle of claim 7 wherein the mechanism includes a first mechanism

member that cooperates with a second mechanism member such that the first

mechanism member is rotatable and linearly movable with respect to the second

mechanism member.

22. (Original) The vehicle of claim 21 wherein the first and second mechanism

members include cooperating arcuate surfaces.

23. (Currently amended) The vehicle of claim [[18]] 16, wherein the mechanism allows

simultaneous rotational and translational movement of the end bumper member after

the end bumper member is detached from the center bumper member element.

24. (Original) The vehicle of claim 21 wherein a pin extends from the first mechanism

member and a slot is defined in the second mechanism member, wherein movement of

the pin in the slot defines a portion of an allowed path of travel.

25 through 39. Cancelled.

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40. (Currently amended) A method of moving a first bumper member with respect to a second bumper member from a normal position to an open position for servicing a vehicle, comprising the steps of: translating moving the first bumper member with respect to the second bumper member along a path of travel that includes a linear portion allowed by a mechanism that connects the first bumper member and a vehicle component, wherein the moving is accomplished by pulling the first bumper member away from the second bumper member and rotating the first bumper member with respect to the second bumper member, wherein access is provided in the open position to at least one vehicle component behind the first bumper member in the normal position.

## 41. Cancelled.

- 42. (Original) The method of claim 40 further comprising detaching the first bumper member from the second bumper member.
- 43. (Original) The method of claim 42 wherein translational movement of the first bumper member detaches the first bumper member from the second bumper member.
- 44. (Original) The method of claim 43 wherein the first bumper member is rotated with respect to the second bumper member after the first bumper member is detached from the second bumper member.
- 45. (Currently amended) The method of claim 40 further comprising releasing a clamp arrangement that holds the <u>first</u> bumper member in a normal position.
- 46. (Original) The method of claim 42 wherein the detaching a connection comprises unlatching a projection from a latching recess.
- 47. (Original) The method of claim 40 further releasing a latch arrangement to allow movement along said path of travel.

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48. (Original) The method of claim 42 wherein the first bumper member is simultaneously rotated and translated with respect to the second bumper member after the first bumper member is detached from the second bumper member.

49 and 50. Cancelled.

51. (Original) The method of claim 42 wherein separating the first bumper member from the second bumper member comprises detaching a connection between the first bumper member and a second bumper member and moving the first bumper member away from the second bumper member.

52 through 54. Cancelled.

- 55. (New) A vehicle including a moveable bumper arrangement, comprising:
  - a) a vehicle frame defining a front end and sides;
  - b) a center bumper member connected to a frame of the vehicle at the front end;
- c) end bumper members connected to the frame at opposite ends of the center bumper member, the end bumper members having front portions and side portions capping the ends of the center bumper member to extend over a portion of the front end and a portion of the sides of the vehicle; and,
- c) a mechanism attached to the frame and supporting at least one end bumper member, the mechanism allowing translational movement of at least one end bumper member with respect to the center bumper member along a portion of a path of travel allowed by the mechanism and wherein the substantially translational movement of the at least one end bumper member separates the at least one end bumper member from the center bumper member and allowing rotational movement of the at least one end bumper member relative to the center bumper member displacing the side portion of the at least one end bumper member from the portion of the side of the vehicle.